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SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, Senator Keyes just generated a question. I think it ought to be answered. Whether or not his statement is correct that it's possible to raise the sales tax without raising the income tax proportionately to keep the balance as provided in law. I personally don't think that what he's saying is right. The sales cannot go up. We might have to raise them both next Fall to make up a deficit. Will someone answer his question.

PRESIDENT: No. The precise question is whether this bill shall be bracketed.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, Mr. President, when a statement is made that should be clarified to the body . . .

PRESIDENT: The point has been made and . . .

SENATOR DICKINSON: Surely we should have an opportunity to clarify it before debate is closed, in my opinion. If it's a misnomer then it should be identified as such. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Would you close debate. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, may I be permitted to ask Senator Lewis a question before he closes?

PRESIDENT: Certainly.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lewis, if we bracket the bill what do you anticipate your decision might be in the event that we don't override any vetoes? What do you intend to do with 589?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Vote no.

SENATOR CARSTEN: OK, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'd just like to put one slightly different interpretation on this bill. This bill does not raise taxes. My friend the big spender who says this bill is raising taxes is a little bit incorrect. Everytime he green lighted one of those spending bills, that is when taxes were raised. This is simply a compensation.

PRESIDENT: Would you close debate on the motion to bracket, Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me tell you what I'm really trying to do for you folks. I'm trying to save your hides. You mark my word right now and you listen to me. Regardless of what the wording is, Senator Warner, regardless of what the wording is in there, when 589 passes in the Scotts Bluff paper, and in the Alliance paper, and in the North Platte paper, and yet even in the Omaha paper it's going to say 'Legislature Raises Taxes', period. Then the next line is